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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

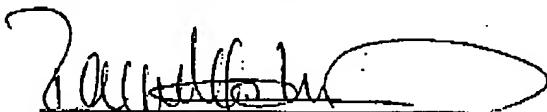
Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

This is a response to the restriction requirement in the Office Action dated 11/26/2002. The applicant choose species of Figures 1 to 3F as the elected single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is final held to be allowable.

Applicant elect without traverse to prosecute the invention of original claims 1 to 16 for examination since those elected claims read on the above elected embodiment.

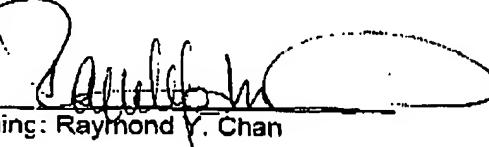
Respectfully submitted,



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